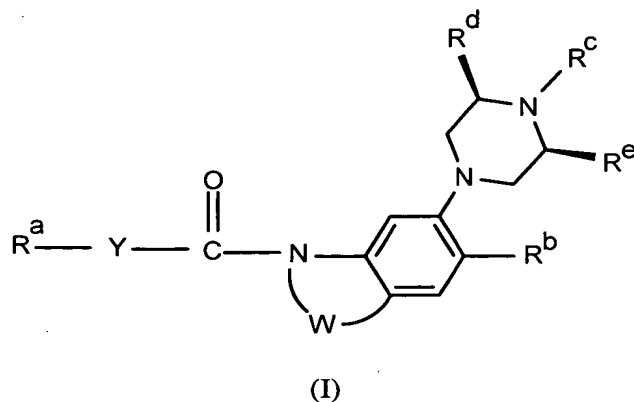
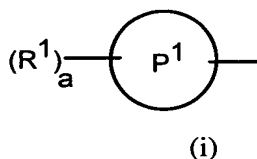


Amendments to the Claims:

1.(Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



in which R^a is a group of formula (i)

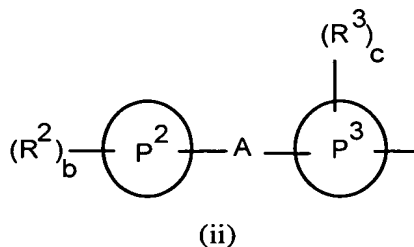


wherein P¹ is phenyl, naphthyl, ~~or heteroaryl~~ an aromatic ring containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N and S, or pyrazolyl;

R¹ is halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, COC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, nitro, CF₃, cyano, SR⁶, SOR⁶, SO₂R⁶, SO₂NR⁶R⁷, CO₂R⁶, CONR⁶R⁷, OCONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶R⁷, NR⁶CO₂R⁷, NR⁶CONR⁷R⁸, CR⁶=NOR⁷ where R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

a is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or R^a is a group of formula (ii)



wherein

P² is phenyl, naphthyl, ~~or heteroaryl or a 5 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring~~ which is an aromatic ring containing 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, and S;

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P³ is phenyl, naphthyl or heteroaryl which is an aromatic ring containing 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, and S;

A is a bond or oxygen, carbonyl, CH₂ or NR⁴ where R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

R² is as defined above for R¹ in formula (i) or R² is heteroaryl optionally substituted by C₁₋₆alkyl, halogen or COC₁₋₆alkyl or is a 5 - 7 membered heterocyclic ring optionally substituted by oxo;

R³ is halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, COC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, nitro, CF₃, cyano, CO₂R⁶, CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶R⁷ where R⁶ and R⁷ are as defined above;

b and c are independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Y is a single bond, CH₂, O or NR⁵ where R⁵ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

W is -(CR⁹R¹⁰)_t- where t is 2, 3 or 4 and R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl or W is a group -CH=CH-;

R^b is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, CF₃, COC₁₋₆alkyl, cyano or C₁₋₆alkoxy;

R^c is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl; and

R^d and R^e are independently C₁₋₄alkyl.

2.(Original) A compound according to claim 1 in which R^a is a group of formula (i) wherein P¹ is phenyl.

3.(Original) A compound according to claim 2 in which R¹ is halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, nitro, CF₃ or cyano.

4.(Previously Amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which Y is CH₂.

5.(Original) A compound according to claim 1 in which R^a is a group of formula (ii) wherein A is a single bond, P³ is phenyl or naphthyl and P² is phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl or piperidinyl.

6.(Previously Amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which W is -CH₂-CH₂- or -CH=CH-.

7.(Previously Amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which R^c is hydrogen or methyl.

8.(Previously Amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which R^d and R^e are both methyl.

9. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 which is

cis-5-methoxy-1-[4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

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cis-5-methoxy-1-[5-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[5-(2-methyloxazol-5-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[2'-methyl-4'-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-carbonyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[(3-nitrophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-6-methoxy-1-[4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-7-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)quinoline ,
cis-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2,3-dichlorophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxyindoline,
cis-1-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
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cis-1-[(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
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cis-1-[(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthylacetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-chloro-1-[4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[4-(2,6-dimethylpyridin-3-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[4-(3,6-dimethylpyrazin-2-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[4-(1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridin-3-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methyl-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2-chloro-3-fluorophenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

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cis-1-[(2-bromo-3-chlorophenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxyindoline,
cis-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxyindoline,
cis-1-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxyindoline,
cis-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-fluoro-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(3-fluoro-2-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(3-chloro-2-cyanophenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2-Acetyl-3-chlorophenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(3-bromo-2-methylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(3-cyano-2-methylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-bromo-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-Acetyl-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[(2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrazol-4-ylcarbonyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-1-[(4-(2,5-dimethylpyridin-4-yl)benzoyl]-5-methoxyindoline,
cis-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxy-1-[2'-methyl-4'-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)biphenyl-4-carbonyl]indoline,
cis-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxy-1-[4-(2-methyl-6-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)pyridin-3-yl)benzoyl]-indoline,
cis-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxy-1-[4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthoyl]indoline,
cis-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-cyano-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(3-aminocarbonyl-2-methylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

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cis-5-methoxy-1-[4-(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,)
cis-5-methoxy-1-[4-(piperidin-4-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indole,
cis-1-[(2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indole,
cis-1-(2,3-dichlorophenylaminocarbonyl)-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indole,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthylacetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indole,
cis-1-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxyindole,
cis-1-[(2,3-dichlorophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxyindole,
cis-1-[(2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-fluoro-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indole,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthylaminocarbonyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[5-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-naphthylaminocarbonyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-5-methoxy-1-[5-(2-methyloxazol-5-yl)-1-naphthylaminocarbonyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-(2,3-dichlorophenylaminocarbonyl)-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenylaminocarbonyl)-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[3-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenylaminocarbonyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[2-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylaminocarbonyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[2-chloro-3-methylphenylaminocarbonyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-[2-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-(2,3-dichlorophenylaminocarbonyl)-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-(2,3-dichlorophenylaminocarbonyl)-5-chloro-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-(2,3-dichlorophenylaminocarbonyl)-5-bromo-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,
cis-1-(2,3-dichlorophenylaminocarbonyl)-5-ethyl-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

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cis-5-methoxy-1-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenylaminocarbonyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

cis-1-[2-fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylaminocarbonyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

cis-1-[2-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylaminocarbonyl]-3,3-dimethyl-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

cis-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl)phenoxy carbonyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 which is

cis-1-[(2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indole,

cis-1-[(2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-methoxy-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

or *cis*-1-[(2,3-dichlorophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxyindoline

cis-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxy-1-[4-(2-methyl-6-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)pyridin-3-yl)benzoyl]-indoline,

cis-1-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)acetyl]-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methoxyindole,

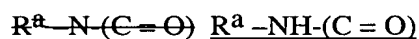
cis-1-[(2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)acetyl]-5-fluoro-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indole, or

cis-1-[2-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]aminocarbonyl]-5-methyl-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof which comprises:

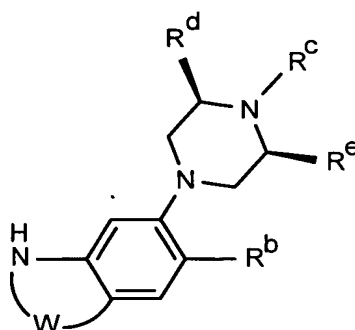
(a) where Y is NH, coupling a compound of formula (II):



(II)

in which R^a is as defined in formula (I) with a compound of formula (III):

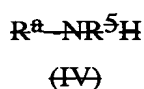
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(III)

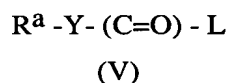
in which W, R^b, R^c, R^d and R^e are as defined in formula (I); or

~~(b) — where Y is NR⁵, reacting a compound of formula (IV)~~



~~in which R^a and R⁵ are as defined in formula (I) with a compound of formula (III) as defined above together with an appropriate urea forming agent; or~~

(eb) where Y is a single bond, CH₂ or O, reacting a compound of formula (V)



in which R^a is as defined in formula (I) and L is an appropriate leaving group, with a compound of formula (III) as defined above;

and optionally thereafter for process (a), (b) or (c):

- removing any protecting groups,
- converting a compound of formula (I) into another compound of formula (I),
- forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

12 - 13.(Cancelled)

14. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

15 - 16. (Cancelled).

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17. (New) A method for treating depression in a mammal suffering same, which method comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof alone or in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.
18. (New) A compound which is *cis*-5-methoxy-1-[4-(1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridin-3-yl)-1-naphthoyl]-6-(3,4,5-trimethylpiperazin-1-yl)indoline or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt hereof.